

Today's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALLUnder the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH,
Representative—Mr. HAMILTON.THIS EVENING.
(MONDAY), the 21st March, 1898,
Commencing at 8 P.M.LAST TEN NIGHTS
OF THE
BROUGH COMEDY COMPANY.THIS EVENING at 9.
"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING
EARNEST"
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EARNEST"
By O. C. WILDE.WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
22nd and 23rd March.
"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY"
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"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY"
By A. W. PINERO.FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
24th and 25th March.
"THE PASSPORT"
"THE PASSPORT"
"THE PASSPORT"
An Original Farce from the City of New York.
By B. C. STEPHENSON and W. YARLEY. Adapted
from Colonel Savage's Celebrated
Novel "My Official Wife."PRICES OF ADMISSION.
DRESS CIRCLE and ORCHESTRA STALLS 3s
STALLS 2s
PIT 1s
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price
to the Pit only.Doors open 8.15 P.M. Curtain 9 P.M.
Box Plan now open at the ROBINSON Piano
Co's Warehouse, where seats can be booked
(and the Tickets obtained) six nights in advance.
A Late Train for the Pit will leave every
evening fifteen minutes after the termination
of the performance.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [320]DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANTOO.
The Company's Chartered Steamship
"NANYANG,"
Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the
above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst.,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [415]MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUZ CANAL.
The Steamship
"CHAZEE,"
Captain Bailey, will be despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 26th inst. at 10 A.M.
S.S. "LENNOX" about 16th April.
S.S. "PANTHER" about 23rd April.
S.S. "ENERGIA" about 30th April.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st March 1898. [63]THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERMAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND
AMERICAN PORTS.)
THE Steamship
"THAMES,"
Captain S. Burcham, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
BOMBAY, etc., on SATURDAY the 2nd April,
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.
Bills and Valuations, all Cargo for France and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding
direct to Marseilles and London.
Passes will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [416]FOR SYDNEY VIA THURSDAY ISLAND
AND TOWNSVILLE.
THE Steamship
"JACOB CHRISTENSEN,"
will be despatched for the above ports on or
about the 5th, proximo.
For freight, apply to
Geo. R. STEVENS,
Agent.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [416]HEAD OFFICE
AND
MANUFACTORY.
The Lok Loo, Wanchai, Bowington.
SPECIAL PAINT
Without Competition.ORDINARY CEMENTLIGHT—For Buildings
of Stone, Brick and Plaster of Lime, Cement,
etc., etc.
CEMENTLIGHT OIL PAINT, No. 1—Advan-
taged over all for all Metallic Works,
steamers, etc., etc.
CEMENTLIGHT OIL PAINT, No. 2—Made
with unchangeable Colors, for all applica-
tions.
CEMENTLIGHT OIL—For protecting Wood
from White Ants, Dampness, etc., etc.
BABBETTO & Co.,
Agents for CHINA and JAPAN.
Hongkong, 10 November, 1897. [39]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

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WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply
the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintage. All are
true Xeres Wines.CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are
not artificially made from raisins and
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap
Wines.BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brand
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1898.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE SOUDAN.

LONDON, March 18th.
The Egyptian position at Atbara is impos-
sible. The Sirdar inspected the whole Army
in battle array yesterday. The troops are in
splendid condition. In the meanwhile the
Derwishes are advancing steadily in battle for-
mation Northward.

RUSSIA IN CHINA.

Mr. Conson stated in the House that the
Government had no knowledge of any special
privilege having been accorded to Russia at
Port Arthur.

THE "MAINE" DISASTER.

The United States report on the *Maine*
catastrophe is expected to-day but President
McKinley has determined to keep it secret until
he considers it opportune to publish it.
It is semi-officially intimated that Spain
repudiates the theory of the explosion having
been externally caused.

QUARANTINE AT SAIGON.

Messrs. Lumke, Rogge & Co. in form us that
they are in receipt of a telegram from Messrs.
W. G. Hale & Co. notifying that nine days'
quarantine including passage is being enforced
at Saigon on all arrivals from Hongkong.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is 10s.6d per £.
H.M.S. *Humber* arrived here from Shanghai
to-day."The Importance of Being in Earnest" at the
Theatre Royal at 9 o'clock this evening.Messrs. Deacon & Hastings inform us, but too
late for the amendment of the advertisement,
that Section F has now been added to the land
to be sold at auction on the Reclamation at
Wednesday, 26th March.It is notified that telegraphic communication
between Bolasao and Manila is restored, but
there is at present "some delay" in traffic.One of Mr. G. W. Playfair's coolies who annexed
£350 belonging to his master and lost it at
gambling was to-day sent to gaol for six months.The returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ended March 20th
are:—Europeans, 215; Chinese, 2,733; total
2,948.One more exile has returned to the shores of
Hongkong: a banishment of five years had
been scored against him and he went into gaol
for twelve months to-day.A small boy, sent up for six months at the
police court to-day for theft has a record to be
proud of. He has been sentenced nine times
and three whippings figure against his name.The first gymnastics will be held on Saturday,
16th April (weather permitting). The programme
will absolutely be out, and consists of six events, all
races, including a steeplechase.A RETURN cricket match between the Craigh-
gower Cricket Club and the Harmonic Cricket
Club was played at Happy Valley on Saturday
and resulted in a victory for the latter who made
93 runs as against 14 runs by the former.The semi-final tie in the Hongkong Challenge
Football Shield Competition was played on
Saturday at Happy Valley between teams from
H.M.S. *Centurion* and G Company, King's Own.
After a rattling good game, the soldiers won by
6 goals to nil.At Saigon on the 3rd inst, fourteen houses were
destroyed by fire, in the Rue de Canton, the
principal business thoroughfare of the Chinese
quarter. The damage, estimated at £50,000,
was almost entirely covered by insurance. The
newspaper complains that the fire brigade is
very inadequate.In consequence of the absence of the Hon. J.
H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary, the
following appointments, are notified to the *Gaz-
ette*:—Hon. T. S. Combe Smith to be Acting
Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. M. Thomson to be
Acting Colonial Treasurer and Acting Collector
of Stamp Revenue in addition to his duties as
Postmaster-General and Mr. A. W. Brewin to be
Acting Registrar-General in addition to his
duties as Inspector of Schools.Mr. Thomas Atkins need no longer grumble
that "they do these things better in France," for
they don't. The *Indo-Chine Française* reports
that a soldier in the garconnet Yen-Bay, Tonkin,
reproduced himself, and was declared by the
doctor to be perfectly well. Again he reported
himself ill, and was again certified quite healthy.
A third time he applied to be put in the hospital,
but was put in the cells for malingering. Then
he died. Whereupon it is said "Better let 'em
leaf 'em, than kill one real invalid." But that
sage decision does not restore Private Barriere
to life.An unrecorded incident occurred on the
morning of February 3rd at the *Edinburgh Evening
News* office. A pig, escaping from the
slaughterer's hands, got through a coal bunker
of a lift-house, and dashing into the engine-
room got caught in the rope race. It was
killed, and the fly-wheel became
wedged so that it could not move. It took two
hours to calculate the dead animal and get the
engine in motion again. We have often heard
of a bull in a China-shop, but never of a pig in
a printing-house. We once knew, however, a
newspaper that had an office gnat.KING Oscar of Sweden, at the annual banquet
of the Swedish Press Club, replied to an address
of welcome, and dwelt upon the priceless
privileges possessed by the country which, like
their own, is protected by a long period of peace
and its development on the basis of consti-
tutional freedom. "Such a people," said the
King, "is worthy to have a free Press, and is
able to make use of its many-sided powers with-
out fear of possible abuses. I cherish the wish
that, in its efficiency, the Swedish Press may
ever show itself worthy of the people and I
heartily thank you for your friendly invitation
to-day."The *Taiwan Nippo*, dated 6th March, gives
some valuable statistics concerning cases of
Malaria among the civil officers of the island of
Formosa. According to the percentage in the
different districts, Hoxin, which includes
Takow and the south part of Formosa, heads
the list of malarial cases, the proportion being
the largest in the island, viz. 21.84 per cent. of
the official staff. Tachou, the centre of the
island, comes next to Hoxin, with a sick-list of
20.72 per cent. of the staff. Tainan, which
includes Anping, shows only 11.92 per cent. The
proportion of those under the table, "in good
health," in the prefecture of Hoxin is 67.18 per
cent.; the lowest in the island, while Tainan
ranks as the healthiest district, with a percentage
of 80.18.A VERY long report by the Rev. R. F. Col-
bold, M.A., and Rev. T. W. Pearce the exami-
ners appointed by the Governing Body of Queen's
College, is published in the *Gazette*. The con-
cluding paragraph of the report is as follows:—
In the above remarks, we have tried to make
a fair criticism of the work as it was presented
to us and if we have been obliged to censure
some of the work we would not have it forgotten
that there is much which we have praised, in
almost all cases the work of many boys was
diligently satisfactory and we are of opinion that
there has been a general improvement in most
subjects during the past two years. We strongly
recommend the increased study of the English
language and as far as possible under English
masters believing that the large number of admi-
sions during the past year has been chiefly due to
an increasing desire on the part of the Chinese
to receive an English education, we trust that
the College will be fully able to meet this demand.THERE was a row out in the West Terrace
yesterday and when an Indian constable called in
to act as peace maker Chan Kam landed him
on the jaw with a piece granite of "shale"
proportions. Chan won't have a chance to take
a hand in a spread for the next 28 days.The suit Cheng Sing Tong v. Ho Fung Sing
was before His Lordship the Chief Justice in
Summary Jurisdiction on Saturday. Mr. J. F.
Reece appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. J.
Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. C. Ewen), for
the defendant. After hearing argument his
Lordship dismissed the suit with costs.FRENCH papers state that Police Henry of
Pessala had a long and friendly chat with the
French Admiral Beaumont at Singapore, where
they were both buying coal. The Police is re-
ported to have said "We shall meet again in
Chinese waters, to combine in the good cause." It
is not stated what the "good cause" is, but
Hongkong Dock shares are going up.THE BROUGH COMEDY
COMPANY."Niobe" was again presented on Saturday
night by the Brough Comedy Company and
judging from the applause could very well be
given for a week to come.There was a crowded house. Each member in
the Company seemed to be in thorough form and
in a rolled out in a continuous stream.The greatest of praise is due to the manage-
ment for the variety of pieces given and the
Hongkong public will miss the amusement when
the time of departure arrives. There is another
change of programme to-night when "The
Importance of Being in Earnest" will be given.
It is one of the very finest gems of modern
comedy.The City Hall Committee would confer a
great boon on the public by covering the bare
planks of the corridor floors with something to
deaden the noise of people walking. Every
evening, the first part of the performance is
insupportable.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

THE OFFICIAL VERSION.

The Manila *Diario* of March 17th gives some
details of a rising in Zamboanga province, which
stretches along the west coast of Luzon from
Bolinao to Manila Bay. From this it appears
that a native named Gabino had gathered a
large number of malcontents about him. For a
time the Gabinists had kept their organization
secret. It was apparently a semi-religious
society, and Gabino was regarded as a super-
natural being, a heaven-sent uncrowned king,
destined to drive out the priests of the hated
Catholic religion. Fortunately, says the *Diario*,
the fanatical movement was discovered by the
authorities, who found the dangerous doctrines
spreading and being propagated in various
provinces of the Philippines, until prompt measures
were taken to suppress the sedition and put the
leader in prison. He was shot at Apul on the
17th March, in presence of a large crowd of his
superstitious followers, and General Monto was
given the most stringent orders and the follow-
ing powers to inflict summary and severe punish-
ment wholesale throughout the disaffected pro-
vinces, which, it is added, were perfectly peace-
ful during the recent insurrection of the Tagalos
in various parts of Luzon. On the 17th the
Diario stated that the telegraph lines were being
restored, but it is now the first and communica-
tion is still interrupted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.]HOW SHIPPING BUSINESS IS MANAGED
IN MANILA.TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Sir,—The German Brig *Sybil*, while on
a voyage from Singapore to Shanghai, laden
with hard wood, encountered heavy weather to
the north of Luzon, and owing to the tem-
pestuous weather the vessel became so leaky
that she had to run back for Manila, where she
was anchored on the 1st of December last, and
about the same time the Captain, knowing
that he had to discharge cargo, engaged as his
stevedore a certain Mr. Smith-Allison formerly
of Hongkong. This Mr. Allison stater taking
fully two months to discharge the cargo of the
Sybil on completion of the same, sent in a bill
for \$1,073, this being, he said, the cost of
discharging the cargo. Naturally, the Captain
objected to pay such a large amount for dis-
charging the cargo of such a small vessel, and
after some conversation offered the Stevedore
\$750. This, however, the Stevedore
would not accept, and although Mr.
Allison about 11 a.m. on the forenoon of
the 20th Feb. agreed to arbitrate the question, at
3 p.m. of the same day the Captain received a
letter from Mr. Allison stating that the
matter had been put into the hands of his solicitors.
At the same time the Captain received a letter
from the Acting Agent of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank stating that by order an embargo
had been placed on all the money he then had
lying on deposit then being some \$2,700.
On Monday, the 21st Feb., at 11 a.m., the
Captain received a communication from
the acting agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank stating that the embargo had been limited
to a certain amount.
In the afternoon of the same day the Captain
after considering the matter and the fact that he
was ignorant of the Spanish law, arranged with
Mr. Allison to pay him the amount of his bill
rather than remain in Manila to incur loss of
time and probably legal expenses.
Accordingly at about 2 p.m. the Captain set-
tled with Mr. Allison, paying the bill in full.
Notwithstanding this, and in spite of the fact
that the embargo must have been arranged and
put on in less than an hour, the money due to
the Captain, that is still lying on deposit in the
Bank, is yet under embargo, and the only
guarantee the Captain now has that he will get
it is a note from the Acting Agent of the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Bank to the effect that
when the embargo is removed he, the Acting
Agent for the Bank, will write to Hongkong in-
structing the Bank to pay up the amount
still held by the Bank to the Captain.
When the Captain had been about one week
in Hongkong the amount due was wired to
Hongkong less about \$100, which as a later
letter explained had been used as Court Fees,
although the case had been settled without
coming into court.
Yours Sincerely,
S. H. AND C. H.

Amoy, 15th March, 1898.

CHINA AND MANILA S. S. CO.,
LIMITED.The 21st ordinary general meeting of share-
holders in the above Company was held at the
office of the General Manager, Messrs. Shaw,
Tomes & Co., No. 9, Praya Central at 11 a.m. to-
day. The Chair was occupied by Mr. R.
Shawman and there were also present Messrs.
N. A. Sieb, Fung Yung Chuen, J. H. Lewis, J. H.
Cox, Karberg (Secretary), and A. Babington.The Chairman said—Gentlemen:—The Re-
port and Accounts having been issued some time
ago I will with your permission dispense with
reading them now. We are glad to come before
you again with a satisfactory statement of the
year's business the more satisfactory as the great
increase in the price of coal which has taken
place since we last met has swelled our working
expenses considerably. Depreciation which
goes on whether we work at a profit or a loss
has been allowed for as before, and after putting
a substantial sum aside as Reserve we are able
to recommend a dividend of 15 per cent. as against
10 per cent. this time last year. Turning to the
Accounts there is nothing to alarm I think that
needs explaining but I am pleased to say that
after giving up the item of \$733.39 as a bad job
we have at the last moment succeeded in re-
covering some \$600.00 of it and here I
will only remark that considering we have
always from \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00 out-
standing in uncollected freights it speaks
well for our supporters that we have so
little debt. The different sums making up
the item of sundry Creditors and sundry Debit-
ors are now all practically wiped off. Our
surplus funds are all invested as you see and
bring in a good return. As for this year our
earnings so far are quite satisfactory although
we are threatened with a renewal of political
troubles in the Philippines, and I fear with the
example of Singapore before us that our old
enemy quarantine is not far off. However we
have faced these difficulties before and overcome
them and I have no doubt we shall do so again.
Before proceeding to move the adoption of the
Report and Accounts I shall be glad to answer to
the best of ability any questions you may wish
to ask.There were no questions and the Chairman
said I now move that the Report and Accounts
as presented be adopted and passed.Seconded by Mr. A. Babington and carried
unanimously.The Chairman: The next business is the elec-
tion of the Consulting Committee.Proposed by Mr. J. H. Cox and seconded by
Mr. Fung Yung Chuen that Messrs. Gilles, Sieb,
Lewis and Shier, be elected the Consulting
Committee for the current year.Proposed by Mr. Sieb that Messrs. J. H. Cox,
and T. Arnold be elected Auditors for the
current year.

Seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried.

The Chairman: That concludes the business,
gentlemen; dividend warrants will be ready to-
morrow.THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.An extraordinary general meeting of share-
holders in the above Company was held at the
office, No. 9, Praya Central to-day to
confirm certain resolutions passed at a
meeting of the Company held on the 28th ult.
Mr. N. A. Sieb presided, and there were also
present Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, C. S. Sharp,
C. Beermann, D. Gabbay and A. Haupt (direc-
tors), J. B. Coghill (secretary), Hon. Wei A
Yek, Messrs. G. L. Tomlin, Chan Fat A. Ross,
J. H. Cox, D. R. Crawford and J. M. S. Alves.The Chairman said—The only business before
us is the confirmation of certain resolutions
passed at the extraordinary meeting of share-
holders held on the 28th ult. I need not take
up your time further than to say that your direc-
tors are still in favour of a single expression of
opinion adverse to the changes introduced by
these resolutions which I now proceed to read.
The Chairman then moved the resolution stand-
ing in his name.That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles
of Association of the Company be altered by
deleting therefrom the word "February"
and substituting therefor the word "March."That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting at
the words "or Extra Reserve Fund" immediately
after the word "Fund" in the sixth line of the
said Article, and the words "and Extra Reserve
Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in
the seventh line of the said Article.That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting
the words "and subject to the provisions of
Articles 121A and 121B" immediately after the
word "sum" and before the word "be" in the
fourth line of such Article.That the following Articles be inserted im-
mediately after Article No. 122, and be num-
bered Articles 121A and 121B:—121A.—"Although the Reserve Fund may
amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the
Directors may nevertheless at their discretion
from time to time appropriate a portion of the
net income and profits earned by the Company
in any one year to the formation of an additional
Reserve Fund, to be called 'Extra Reserve
Fund.'"121B.—"The monies standing at the credit of
the Extra Reserve Fund may be applicable for
the equalization of dividends, and such monies
or some portion thereof may, whenever the
Directors shall think fit be appropriated towards
the equalization of dividends."Mr. J. H. Cox seconded the resolution, which
was carried, and the meeting closed.

THE LATE MR. A. FELTHAM.

Omd. Hastings, R. N., this afternoon began
an enquiry into the death of Alfred Feltham,
wardmaster at the Government Civil Hospital.Dr. Allington deposed to having been called to
the quarters of deceased where he found him
lying dead on a sofa. Deceased had been
three years in the Hospital, and had
formerly been in the A. M. S. C. He had
always done his duty satisfactorily and was
in no monetary difficulties that witness knew of.
The stomach and contents were sent to the
Government Analyst. Deceased was of tem-
perate habits and had been acting as Dispenser
for the last 18 months. He had been in the
Dispensary in the A. M. S. C.A Chinese boy employed by deceased gave
evidence as to finding his master dead on the
sofa.Mr. Chapman steward of the hospital, said he
was called to see deceased and in his right hand
he was holding a partly smoked cigarette.Mr. H. B. Clough, manager of the New Club,
deposed that he had known deceased for 8
months past. They had arranged to go to the
theatre on the night of his death. Deceased
had been in good spirits and appeared to be
merry. He had been engaged to be married
to a young lady in England but the engagement
had been broken off some months ago.Inspector MacDonald deposed that he saw
the body and in the fingers of the right hand
was a partly smoked cigarette and the left hand
was holding a hand mirror.The enquiry was postponed till 11.30 a.m.
to-morrow for the evidence of Mr. Browne,
Government Analyst.HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.The monthly Meeting of the General Com-
mittee of the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce, was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday,
the 16th March.—Present, Messrs R. M. Gray
(Chairman), Herbert Smith (Vice-Chairman),
G. B. Dodwell, N. J. Ede, A. Haupt, J. J. Bell-
Irving, T. Jackson, N. A. Sieb, T. H. White-
head, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).The Minutes of the previous meeting (held
9th February) were read and confirmed.STRAITS CURRENCY.
Read letter from Singapore Chamber, dated
7th February forwarding copies of the Sub-
Committee's Report on the currency of 6th
November, 1897, with criticisms thereon, and
Report of Proceedings at General meeting of
15th January.STORM WARNINGS.
Read letter from the Government stating that,
in accordance with the Chamber's recommenda-
tion, the system of Meteorological Signals
obtaining from Jan., 1884, to Dec., 1896, was
revived on the 20th Jan., 1897, and will continue
in force until further notice.THE HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.
Another acknowledgment of receipt of the
Chamber's letter on this subject from the Acting
Commissioner of Customs, Pakel, was read, in
which he stated that the previous letter of the
25th Nov. had not reached him. A copy of the
letter had since been forwarded.EXTENSION OF HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE
TO FAR EAST.
Read copy of despatch (forwarded by courtesy
of the Government) from the British Ambassador
at Berlin to the Foreign Office announcing that
the above Line have resolved to establish a
regular monthly service of steamers between
Hamburg and ports of Eastern Asia said service
to commence on the 25th January by the despatch
of the *Str. Andalusia*.ADULTERATION OF ANKIDED OIL.
Read letter from Mr. Heiber, Commissioner of
Imperial Maritime Customs, Kowloon, forward-
ing enclosure from Mr. Moore, Commissioner of
Customs, Longchow, on the practice by dealers
in country of adulterating Ankided Oil, in which
he suggests the constant seizure of Hongkong
importers to check fraud in this trade and
prevent its loss or diversion.Resolved to refer the question to the firms
interested in the trade to report on the best
means of prevention.DELIVERIES OF LETTERS BY FRENCH M.S.
Read letter from Postmaster General in
which he asks whether the convenience of firms
would be better consulted if the letters only, in
the care of the French Mails were first delivered
and other matter dealt with subsequently.QUARANTINE ANNOTATION.
Consequent on the action of the Straits Govern-
ment in declaring Hongkong an infected port
and imposing nine days' quarantine, counting
from date of departure, in vessels arriving in
Singapore from this port with Chinese
passengers, the following telegram was on the
16th inst., despatched to the Singapore Chamber
of Commerce:—"Chairman, Chamber of Commerce,
Singapore."
"Hongkong Chamber strongly protest against
quarantine Hongkong flag merely sporadic
cases decreasing. Request your Chamber urge
Government rescind."On the evening of the 14th inst. the subject
was received in reply:—

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
IZUMI MARU R. Nishimura	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 22nd March, at Noon.
KANAGAWA MARU J. Mackenzie	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 25th March, at 4 P.M.
*YAMASHIRO MARU J. Jones	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 28th March, at 4 P.M.
TOKIO MARU E. W. Haswell	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 1st April, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,
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Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.

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SATURDAY the 26th March 1898.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. 1409

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OFFICE.

No. 6, Pedder's Hill,

Hongkong, 18th March, 1898.

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MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above

will find Lists on which to enter their

names in the HONGKONG CLUB, THE NEW

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. 1388

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1898. 1352

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patch.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. 1414

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above

Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst., at Day-

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. 1404

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FOR AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"PALINURUS,"

Captain Sawyer, will be despatched TO-

MORROW, the 22nd inst., at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1898. 1405

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Having connexion with Company's Mail

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Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN

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THE Steamship

"BORMIDA,"

Captain Noera, will be despatched as above

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At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in

VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and

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CARLOWITZ & Co.,

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Hongkong, 11th March, 1898. 1411

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

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"CATHERINE APCAR,"

Captain Fay, will be despatched for the above

Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. 1397

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

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THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. 1412

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1898. 1292

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"ANDALUSIA,"

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1898. 1398

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

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